

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

JANUARY 15, 2019

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call. Ron Jarman arrived after the roll was called. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: McGowan moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that they will take custody of the new Detective's vehicle on Friday

He will be meeting tomorrow with the State Executive Director of the 911 Board.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said he and Assistant Chief Munson will be traveling to Pennsylvania to pick up the ambulances on January 23rd and 24th.

Animal – Warden Cottrell announced that their new website is up and running. They have revised hours as follows: Monday and Thursday they are open until 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday they are open until 5:00 p.m.; Wednesdays they are open until 4:00 p.m.; and they are open on Saturday until noon.

She attended the Carthage town meeting yesterday to discuss animal control in their area. They are struggling with a lot of at large dogs. They discussed their relationship with the shelter and ways to improve.

Thursday the Humane Society is having a meeting at the Animal Hospital in Rushville. We are trying to get more people to become involved.

Park – Park Director Burklow said they have been keeping busy helping out with the move to City Center. They have also been making improvements to the park office.

Ron Jarman arrived.

Street – Street Commissioner Miller passed out a trash and recycle report showing the totals back to 2014. He said recycle has gone up each year. They have collected \$725.00 this past year on the pay as you throw program.

Miller received a doctor's slip for Brian Crabtree that he may return to work with no restrictions.

He also received a doctor's slip for John Painter stating that he could return to work but he does have restrictions.

Mayor Pavey said he would like to move the item of the farm sale up on the agenda.

Farm Sale – Tracy Newhouse explained that the sale was on the 60.133 acres more or less. Closing would take place within 30 days upon final approval of the sale by the Common Council. They would not accept any bids under the appraised value of \$9,400.00 per acre. Newhouse asked each bidder if they would like to place a bid. There were no offers to bid. Newhouse asked again for a bid. Keith Kreiger of Kreiger Farms bid \$9,400.00 per acre. There were no other bids offered. Williams moved to recommend to Council to accept the bid from Kreiger Farms in the amount of \$9,400.00 per acre. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CITIZENS CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Policy Issues** – Mayor Pavey said they are working on revising the document.'
2. **Utility/City Hall Structure** – We are hoping to have a recommendation for a person that will take more ownership in the HR piece.
3. **Police Department Roof Settlement** – Mayor Pavey has approved the settlement. We are waiting to hear back from Corn's attorney.
4. **HWC Design Overlook Contract** – We have not received the contract.
5. **Nepotism Issues Fire/Rescue** – A copy of the policy has been sent out to the Board. It states that persons related by blood or marriage cannot be in the direct line of supervision. Williams moved to approve the revised policy for nepotism. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. **ADA Section VI Updates Resolution 2019-2** – Carmen Clark stated that this revision is an INDOT mandate. Williams moved to approve the revision. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Monthly Pay Applications:

- a. **Cherry Street, Stellar Claims** - Cameron moved to approve the Cherry Street claims and the Stellar Claims. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. **Paramedic Replacement** – Chief Jenkins said he received the resignation of Jason Scheiderer as of yesterday. He also reported that Larry Swhier did not show up for work and has been terminated as of 1/8/19. He said he needs to hire replacements. He interviewed someone today. However this person already has vacation scheduled and Jenkins asked if the Board would agree to offer vacation time as part of the package for civilian medics. Williams said we need to be consistent with all employees. After some discussion Jenkins asked if the Board would allow him to hire the applicant with the understanding that he would be allowed to take the vacation that is already scheduled, but that it would be without pay. Cameron moved to approve hiring Roger Brown and to allow him to take vacation already scheduled without pay. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried with Jarman voting “nay”. Cameron suggested that a policy be implemented in this regard.

3. **Attorney 2019 Contract** – McGowan moved to approve the 2019 Attorney Contract. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. **City/Chamber of Commerce Power Meter Location** – Williams moved to approve the agreement with the Chamber of Commerce for the power meter location as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. **Cherry Street RFP** – RFP’s were received from the following:

Northpoint Engineering & Surveying

Fleis & Vandenbrink

SJCA

Corradino LLC

Certified Engineering

Mayor Pavey suggesting taking them under advisement. Williams moved to table for review. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE – None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.